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Serial No. 09/235,770 ) Issue Branch  
Filed: January 25, 1999 ) Conf. No. 4196  
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE )  
AND METHOD FOR FORMING )  
THE SAME )

<p align="center"><b>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING</b></p> <p>I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with The United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on <u>3.13.2003</u></p> <p><u>Adele M. Stamper</u> Adele M. Stamper</p>
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**REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF  
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Notice of Allowability and Issue Fee Due form mailed February 11, 2003.

The Notice of Allowability did not, however, include an initialed Form PTO-1449 acknowledging the Information Disclosure Statements filed November 8, 2000; March 28, 2001; March 13, 2002, and May 24, 2002. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner evidence consideration of the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statements of November 8, 2000; March 28, 2001; March 13, 2002, and May 24, 2002 by providing a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449.


With regard to the Information Disclosure Statements filed March 7, 2001 (which was partially considered) and September 25, 2002, the Official Action attached to the Notice of Allowance asserts that these Statements fail to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) because they do not include a concise explanation of the relevance of each patent that is not in the English language. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Several of the references include a concise statement, as indicated in the Form 1449. Furthermore, some of the references lined-through by the Examiner were submitted in English or with

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a translation. Finally, most of the remaining references were submitted with an English language abstract. As noted in MPEP 609 (III)(A)(3), each of these submissions satisfies the requirement for a concise explanation in accord with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3). In view thereof, consideration of the submitted information and return of initialed 1449 forms evidencing such consideration is respectfully requested.

If a conference would be beneficial in expediting the prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to arrange such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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